

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary  
Lower South Platte - Grazingland**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Lower South Platte - Grazingland		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project address invasive or noxious weeds on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area or is the plan designed for pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or c. Applicant has never participated in EQIP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archaeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Grazing System: A SHORT DURATION GRAZING system (8+ pastures per herd) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 1-4)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Grazing System: A LIMITED PASTURE - SHORT DURATION GRAZING system (3-7 pastures per herd) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 1-4)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Grazing System: A DEFERRED ROTATION GRAZING system (3+ pastures per herd - each pasture receiving a full growing season deferment minimum once every 3 years) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 1-4)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Grazing System: An ALTERNATE ROTATION GRAZING system (switchback - 2 pastures per herd) will be implemented under this plan. (yes for only one of questions 1-4)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Former-CRP Conversion to Grazing System: Is the project to be installed on land that has been withdrawn or expired from CRP (or will be in the next year), and will it facilitate keeping the land in grassland instead of being broken out for crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Soil Erosion: Are there actively eroding blowouts or gullies present, which will be directly addressed by at least one of the following planned practices? FENCE (382), CRITICAL AREA PLANTING (342), TERRACE (600), DIVERSION (362), or WATER & SEDIMENT CONTROL BASIN (638).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Inadequate Stock Water: Is available livestock water or water distribution in existing or planned pasture(s) inadequate or nonexistent, requiring the application of PIPELINE (516), WATERING FACILITY (614), SPRING DEVELOPMENT (574), or WELL (642)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Forage Quantity/Quality: Has the present vegetative cover degraded to a point of very low forage quantity or quality, which will require seeding using PASTURE & HAYLAND PLANTING (512) or RANGE SEEDING (550)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Forage Quantity/Quality: Is a lack of adequate fencing causing uneven grazing distribution, requiring construction of a FENCE (382)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Inadequate Shelter: Is there a lack of protection for livestock, requiring the planting of a WINDBREAK (380)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Water Quality: An alternate water source [WELL (642), WATERING FACILITY (614), PIPELINE (516), or SPRING DEVELOPMENT (574)] or a FENCE (382) will be constructed to adequately manage and benefit riparian areas.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: